



CHAPTER 47

An Act respecting silicosis

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1931]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

- 1.** This act may be cited as the *Silicosis Act, 1931*. Short title.
- 2.** In this act "silicosis" means silicosis of the lungs "Silicosis". (a fibroid condition of the lungs caused by the inhalation of silica dust).
- 3.** No person shall be employed in the cutting, polishing or finishing of granite who is not the holder of a valid certificate issued by a medical examiner appointed under this act, to the effect that such person is medically fit to be employed in such work. Certificate required.
- 4.** Every certificate issued under this act shall be valid for a period of one year and shall be renewable upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the regulations. Duration, etc., of certificate.
- 5.** Every owner, manager or superintendent of any workyard or shop where the cutting and polishing of granite is carried on shall furnish, at his expense, the masks or other safety devices approved by the Minister of Mines for the use of the persons employed therein in order to protect them against silicosis, as defined by section 105 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1931. Safety devices required.
- 6.** Every such owner, manager and superintendent shall at all times take such precautions and furnish such appliances as may be prescribed by the Minister of Mines. Idem.

Regulations
for appoint-
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ical exam-
iners.

7. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such regulations as he deems necessary for the appointing of medical examiners for the purposes of this act, and for prescribing the methods and procedure to be adopted for the examination of applicants for certificates of fitness.

Regulations
for safety of
certain
workmen.

8. The Minister of Mines, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may make such regulations as he deems necessary for the safety of workmen employed in cutting, polishing and finishing granite, as well as for their protection against silicosis and all other industrial diseases which they might contract during their work.

Industrial
diseases.

The industrial diseases contemplated by this section are those provided for in section 105 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1931.

Extension of
operation of
this act.

9. The Minister of Mines, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may extend the operation of this act so as to include workmen employed in cutting, polishing or finishing any stone or substance other than granite, and may extend the application of the regulations enacted under section 8 of this act to the workyards or shops where such workmen are employed.

Coming into
force.

10. This act shall come into force on the first day of September, 1931.